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- a validation means for validating the personal data read from the chip card depending on data provided by the fingerprint sensor enabling an identity and authorization check of the user.

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4. (Amended) The security system according to claim 3, characterized in that a slot is disposed in the module for the chip card to pass therethrough.

- 5. (Amended) The security system according to any of claims 2 to 4, characterized in that the module includes a SAM or SIM card reader.
- 6. (Amended) The security system according to claim 5, characterized in that the data provided by the fingerprint sensor is processed along with the data read from the SAM or SIM card in an internal processor of the module to yield an encoded identity information.
- 7. (Amended) The security system according to any of claims 1 to 4 or 6, characterized by an interface for the connection to a communication system, in particular a network.
- 8. (Amended) The security system according to claim 2, characterized in that the interface is contained in the module.

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9. (Amended) The security system according to claim 8, characterized in that messages signed by the characteristic data set provided by the fingerprint sensor are able to be exchanged with the communication environment via the interface.

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10. (New) The security system according to claim 2, wherein the chip card reader and the module are provided with first and second local buses, respectively, the buses being coupled with each other via the plug connection.

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